

VISIT...

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MATERIALS

Reading
Passage:
Part 1 (2 copies)

Timing device;
Graph

Reading
Passage:
Part 2 (2 copies)

Game cards;
Game board;
Markers

Introducing the Passage



5 minutes

Read part 1 of the passage *The Case of the Vanishing Anasazi* to provide a model of fluent reading. Read with expression at a normal reading pace, taking about one minute to read the passage.

Give the child a copy of the passage and have him/her read it with you. If he/she has difficulty, slow the pace or read small chunks (one or two sentences), and then have the child read each chunk with you until you have read the entire passage. Read the entire passage with the child one or two more times.

Building Fluency



5–10 minutes

Have the child read the passage out loud while you time him/her for one minute. As the child reads, place a check mark on your copy of the passage over each word that he/she misreads. If the child pauses for three seconds, tell him/her the word and mark it as an error. Do not correct errors during the reading. After one minute, tell the child to stop. Circle the last word the child read. Help the child plot the number of words read on the graph. The goal is 150 words per minute with at least 90% accuracy.

Discuss errors once the child has completed the reading. Discuss word-attack strategies such as sounding out parts of words, looking for smaller words or recognizable chunks within larger words, and thinking about how the meanings of words relate to other parts of the text.

Do not exceed more than four independent readings of a passage in a single session. If the child seems to have too much difficulty, drop to a lower level during the next tutoring session.

Checking for Understanding



5 minutes

Ask the child to retell the passage. Look for detail in his/her retelling. Give the child time to respond independently. If needed, prompt with the following sample questions:

What mystery does Stanley want to solve? (Why did the Anasazi disappear?)

How does he sneak away from the group? (hides in the bushes as they board the bus)

Where does Stanley go? (to the kiva in the cliff dwellings)

If time permits, repeat the steps above using part 2 of the passage, *The Case of the Vanishing Anasazi*.

Optional Activity



5–10 minutes

PLAYING A WORD GAME: Shuffle the game cards and stack them face down. Have the child draw a card, read the word, and tell you its meaning. If the child is correct, he/she can move on the game board the number of spaces indicated on the card. If incorrect, the child cannot move. Repeat the game as time permits.

Reading Passage

The Case of the Vanishing Anasazi • V-6

Part 1

Stanley DeCapers was on the case again. He had hid under the bushes 13
 as the rest of his class boarded the school bus and left the Anasazi cliff 28
 houses where they had just had a field trip. The houses had been the 42
 homes of the ancestors of today's Pueblo Native Americans. But 52
 mysteriously, the people in the cliff dwellings had disappeared, leaving 62
 their belongings behind. Nobody knew what had happened to them. 72

When the bus was gone, Stanley dusted himself off and pulled out his 85
 detective's kit. His flashlight had gone dim by the time he got to the ruins 100
 of the houses. He used the light of the full moon to find his way up the 117
 stairs and into the tall houses under the overhanging cliff. Then, just 129
 before his flashlight died, he found the kiva—the sunken room where the 142
 Anasazis had held ceremonies. 146

In a low tone, Stanley began to chant. "Oh, Anasazi, where are you? 159
 Why did you leave your home? Please come back and tell me why!" 172



Part 2

Through his closed eyelids, Stanley saw a light. Suddenly, he heard a voice.	13
"Hey, kid, you're not supposed to be here when the park is closed," it said.	28
A security guard shone a flashlight at him. The man had brown skin and long black hair.	42 45
"But I was about to solve the mystery of the vanished Anasazi," Stanley replied.	57 59
"There are some mysteries that the sky will never reveal," the man said. A cloud passed over the moon. After a moment of silence, the man said, "I'll take you back to the entrance."	73 87 93
"So, what's your name?" Stanley asked.	99
"You can call me Jake," the man said. He dropped Stanley off near the museum, but before Stanley could ask anything, Jake vanished.	113 122
The next thing Stanley knew, it was morning. Ranger Mike tapped him on the shoulder. "You'd better have a good explanation for sleeping outside the museum."	135 146 148
"Jake the security guard told me I could," Stanley said.	158
"We don't have any security guards named Jake," Ranger Mike said. Perhaps Stanley had found one of the lost Anasazi after all.	169 180

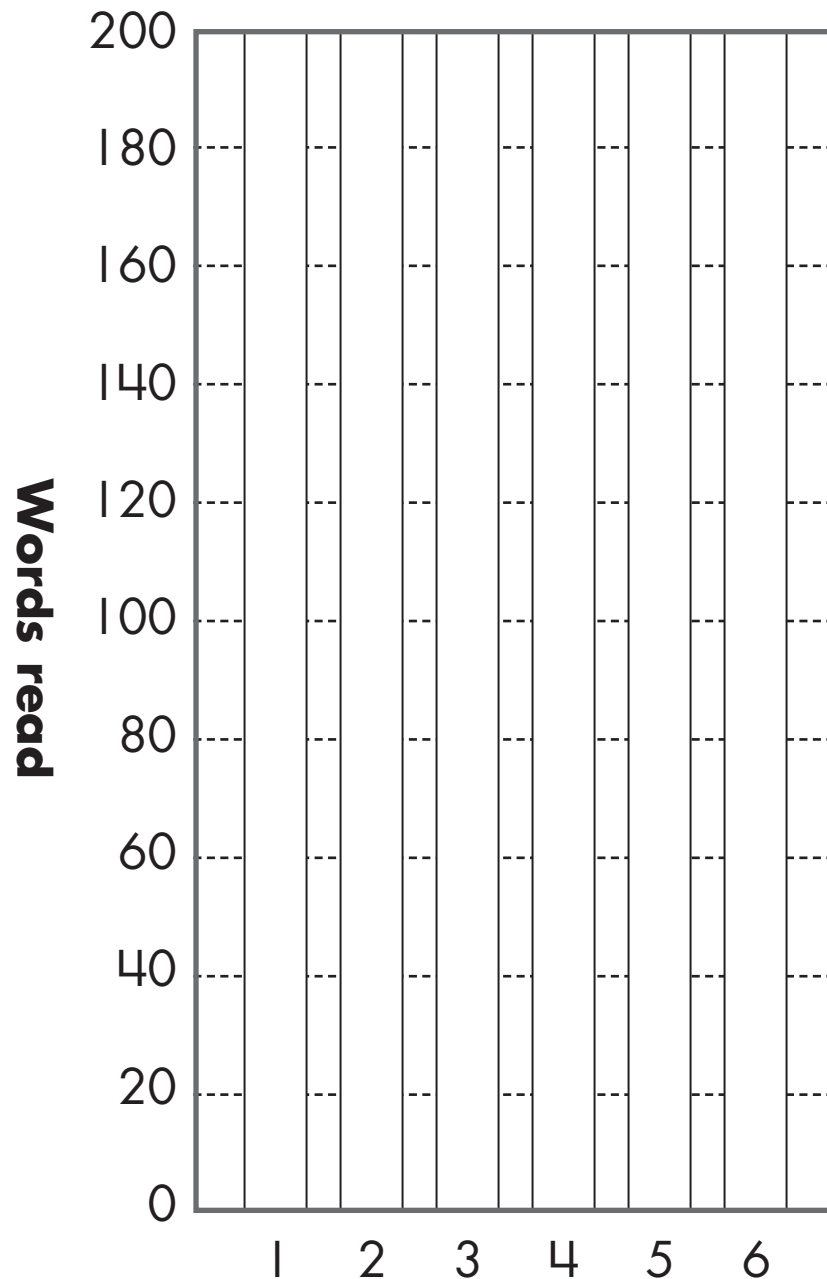


Fluency

Repeated Reading Bar Graph

Lesson V-6

Name _____ Date _____



Number
of errors: _____
1 2 3 4 5 6



boarded 1	ancestors 4	Native Americans 3	mysteriously 4
belongings 2	disappeared 3	dusted 2	dim 1
overhanging 5	kiva 5	sunken 4	ceremonies 3
chanted 3	reveal 5	perhaps 4	vanished 2

